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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**VIGO COUNTY METHAMPHETAMINE DEALER SENTENCED**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that KENNETH L. HARLAN, 40, Terre Haute, Indiana, was sentenced to 240 months (12 years) imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to one count of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and five counts of distribution of methamphetamine. This case was the result of a four month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Vincennes Police Department, and Vigo County Drug Task Force.

DEA conducted five controlled purchases of methamphetamine from HARLAN in January, February, and March, 2005. The investigation established that HARLAN distributed approximately eight pounds of methamphetamine in the Terre Haute area during the charged conspiracy.

Susan Brooks stated, "Methamphetamine has had a devastating effect on the western counties in Indiana and we are very pleased that this drug trafficker is receiving a very significant sentence for ruining families and harming the community by distributing methamphetamine".

According to Assistant United States Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed ten years supervised release following HARLAN's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, HARLAN is subject to random urinalysis and random searches of his person, residence, and vehicle.

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